

Leviticus 23:23-25 - Thursday, March 11th, 2010

- Lord willing, we'll complete this study and save the recording before the electricity goes out like it did last week, right at the very end.
- I've really been looking forward to tonight's study because it has to do with my favorite topic, and that is the rapture of the church.

- We're studying the seven feasts of Israel and their prophetic significance as it relates to the first and second coming of Jesus Christ.

REFERENCE	FEAST	FULFILLMENT
(Leviticus 23:5)	Passover	The Crucifixion
(Leviticus 23:6-8)	Unleavened Bread	The Burial
(Leviticus 23:9-14)	First-Fruits	The Resurrection
(Leviticus 23:15-22)	Pentecost	The Church Age
Leviticus 23:23-25)	Trumpets	The Rapture of the Church
(Leviticus 23:26-32)	Day of Atonement	The 2 nd Coming
(Leviticus 23:33-43)	Tabernacles	The Kingdom Age and Heaven

23 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 24 "Speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a sabbath-rest, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation. 25 You shall do no customary work on it; and you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD.'"

- We now come to the fifth feast and it's the "Feast of Trumpets" in which they would blow the shofar which was to be a holy convocation.
- It's important that we understand what a holy "convocation" is and what this trumpet sound communicated in calling God's people.

miqra' (mik-row'); from OT:7121; something called out, i.e. a public meeting (the act, the persons, or the place); also a rehearsal: KJV - assembly, calling, convocation, reading.
(Biblesoft's New Exhaustive Strong's Numbers and Concordance with Expanded Greek-Hebrew Dictionary.)

5. THE RAPTURE - "TRUMPETS" (VERSES 23-25)

FEAST	WHAT THIS MEANS	WHAT THIS MEANS TO ME
Trumpets – (Rosh Hashanah). (One day) The Rapture of the Church (Leviticus 23:23-25)	On the first day of the month Tishri on the Jewish ceremonial calendar, the feast of trumpets was held; trumpets were blown to gather together God's people for a holy convocation, relocation, or confrontation.	The feast of Trumpets is a picture of a holy convocation at the sound of a trumpet for the relocation we call the rapture of the Church (I Thessalonians 4:13-18 and I Corinthians 15:52). A second trumpet is for a holy convocation of Israel's confrontation for the last days.

Numbers 10:1-7 1 The LORD said to Moses: 2 "Make two trumpets of hammered silver (redemption), and use them for calling the community together and for having the camps set out. 3 When both are sounded, the whole community is to assemble before you at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting. 4 If only one is sounded, the leaders--the heads of the clans of Israel--are to assemble before you. 5 When a trumpet blast is sounded, the tribes camping on the east are to set out. 6 At the sounding of a second blast, the camps on the south are to set out. The blast will be the signal for setting out. 7 To gather the assembly, blow the trumpets, but not with the same signal.

THE LAST TRUMPET FOR US	THE FIRST TRUMPET FOR ISRAEL
1 Corinthians 15:51-52 Behold, I shew you a <u>mystery</u> ; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the <u>last trump</u> : for <u>the trumpet shall sound</u> , and the dead in Christ shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.	Exodus 19:16-17 On the <u>morning of the third day</u> there was thunder and lightning, with a thick cloud over the mountain, and a very <u>loud trumpet</u> blast. Everyone in the camp trembled. Then Moses led the people out of the camp to <u>meet with God</u> , and they stood at the foot of the mountain.
The last trumpet is not the 7 th trump in Revelation 10:7 at the middle of the tribulation but the trump of Revelation 4:1 at the beginning of the tribulation.	The first trumpet the morning of the third day (Hosea 6:2) is for Israel to meet the Lord, which could possibly be the same as the first day of the seventh month.
THE TRUMPET OF GOD FOR US	THE TRUMPET OF ANGELS FOR ISRAEL
1Thessalonians 4:16-17 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a <u>loud</u> command, with the <u>voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God</u> , and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be <u>caught up</u> together with them in the <u>clouds</u> to <u>meet the Lord in the air</u> . And so we will be with the Lord forever.	Matthew 24:20-22,31 <u>But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day;</u> For then shall be <u>great tribulation</u> , such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And <u>except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.</u> 31- And <u>he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet</u> , and they shall gather together his <u>elect</u> from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.
This is the voice of the archangel with the trumpet call of God for us at the rapture.	This is the last trumpet; it's of angels for Israel (Gods elect) at the end of the tribulation.

- The trumpets in the scriptures are sounded to bring God's people up to meet Him, or to assemble for a wedding.
- The trumpets in the scriptures are sounded for another reason, and that's to assemble for war.

The Jewish Wedding	Our Wedding	Scriptures
The groom's father makes the match (Shiddukhin) and chooses the bride and the groom approves the choice.	The Father chooses us the bride, and Jesus approved the choice.	John 10:28, 15:16
A marriage covenant (Ketubah) is made in writing for the bride as a promise to the bride that it will be fulfilled.	A new covenant is made in the written Word of God, for us the bride. The Old Covenant Promise is fulfilled.	2 Corinthians 3:5-6
They would then break bread and drink from the cup to seal the betrothal (Kiddushin) and new covenant.	He breaks bread and drinks from the cup at the last supper sealing His covenant.	Matthew 26:27-29
The groom pays a price (Mohar) showing the bride his love for her.	Jesus paid the price for us on the cross. This shows us the bride how much He loves us.	1 Corinthians 6:20
The groom makes a speech of promise to his bride that he would come for her soon.	Jesus' speech is recorded as a promise to us His bride, that He will come again for us soon.	John 14:1
The groom prepares a place for His bride and builds a room addition on his father's house.	Jesus says He goes to prepare a place for us in His Father's house where there are many rooms.	John 14:1-3
The Father is the only one who knows the day or hour of the grooms return for his bride.	Jesus said that no one but the Father knows the day or hour of His return for us His bride.	Mark 13:32-33
The groom gives the bride love gifts (Mattan).	Jesus our groom gives us His bride gifts of love, eternal life, peace, etc.	John 10:22-28 John 14:13-14, 27
The Father gives the bride gifts (Shiluhim) to equip her for her new life, as an inheritance.	We are given gift of the Holy Spirit and spiritual gifts for our new life in Him.	John 14:16-17 2 Corinthians 1:21-22 Galatians 5:22
The bride's unmarried friends (bridesmaids) attend to the bride and provide light for the groom who comes at night.	We prepare the bride by letting our light shine (oil) so the bride is ready for the groom who will come as a thief in the night.	Matthew 25:1-13
The bridegroom comes, the grooms' men run ahead and shout that he is coming.	When our bridegroom comes, it will be with a shout of the trumpet that Jesus is coming.	Rev. 4:1 / 1 Thes. 4:16-17 / 1 Cor. 15:51-52
The groom snatches away and abducts his bride.	Jesus our groom will rapture us away as He abducts us His bride.	Luke 17:34-36
The groom takes his bride to the chamber: they consummate (Nissuin), and celebrate for seven (Shavuah) days.	Jesus will take us to His bridal chamber where we will consummate and celebrate for seven (Shavuah) years/days.	Joel 2:16 Daniel 9:27
The party waits outside until the groom tells the best man that it is consummated. Then the guests rejoice for 7 days.	During the 7 day/year celebration the world goes through the 7 year tribulation.	Revelation 19:7-8
There is a big feast (the wedding feast) after the wedding celebration.	We too, will go to the Father's house for the Marriage Feast of The Lamb.	Revelation 19:9
There were three groups present at the wedding: the groom, the bride, and the invited guests.	There will also be three groups of people involved in the marriage of the Lamb: The Groom –Jesus, The Bride-Church and the Guests- those saved after the Rapture.	2 Corinthians. 11:2, Ephesians 5:23-27 Revelation 21:9-10 Matthew 25:1-10
The new home of the bride was Jerusalem and it was the bridegroom who came to the bride to dwell with her.	It is from the new Jerusalem that the believers in the Messiah during the Messianic age, or Millennium, will reign with the Messiah.	Rev. 21:1-3 Ezekiel 43:1-2,7 Isaiah 2:2-4 Micah 4:1-5

DANIEL–SHADRACH, MESHACH & ABEDNEGO	THE CHURCH AND THE JEWS
This takes place in Babylon-Pagan.	Babylon is in modern day Iraq-Islam.
King Nebuchadnezzar makes an image.	The anti-Christ will make an image.
The measurements are 6 cubits high by 6 cubits wide with 6 instruments listed.	The number of the name of the man is to be counted it will add up to "666".
The 6 instruments are played, then they are to worship the image.	Lucifer was the angel of music; it will play a part in the worship of the image of the beast.
All the rulers of every nation & tongue are united together in one religion.	The international community of united nations is all as a new-world order.
Three Jews refuse to worship the image of gold.	The Jews will reject the worship of the image of the anti-Christ.
Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego go into the fiery furnace.	Israel will go into the fiery hot tribulation.
The furnace is turned up 7 times hotter.	The tribulation is up in 7 years.
An angel like the Son of God protects them in the fire.	Jesus the Son of God will protect them in the tribulation.
After rejecting the false worship, they see their true and living God.	After rejecting the worship of the anti-Christ, they accept the true and living Christ Jesus.
Right before all of this, Daniel was placed up in a high position by the King.	Right before all of this happens, we will be caught up to our high position with our King.
Daniel was lavished with many gifts.	We are lavished with the gift of eternal life.
Daniel was put in charge and reigned over the entire province as a ruler.	We will rule and reign with the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.
Daniel remained in the royal court.	We remain in His royal court as His bride.

ENOCH AND NOAH	THE CHURCH AND THE JEWS
The wickedness of man was great on the earth. Genesis 6:5.	We are in a time of great wickedness on the earth.
Very few people were following God's ways. 1 Peter 3:20.	The gate is narrow and very few people are walking with the Lord.
God warned His people. Genesis 6:13	God has been warning His people.
They don't understand that judgment was going to come upon them. Matthew 24:39	They don't understand that the tribulation is coming upon them.
They would not repent, though God gave them time. Genesis 6:3, 11,12; 1 Peter 3:20	God is seemingly slow in His coming, because He is giving man time.
There was no great revival. Genesis 6:11,12; 1 Peter 3:20	There does not seem to be revival but revenge.
They went about things as usual eating, drinking and marrying. Matthew 24:38.	People are going back to business as usual, eating, drinking, and marrying.
God set an exact day and time-FOR YET SEVEN DAYS. Genesis 7:4	God has set an exact day and time-YET FOR SEVEN YEARS, there will be tribulation.
Noah and his family go into the ark and through the great flood. Genesis 7	The Jews will go into and through the great tribulation.
Right before all of this, Enoch walked with the Lord then he was no more, God took him away. Genesis 5:24	Right before the tribulation, we who walk with the Lord won't be here; God will take us up and away.

THE DAYS OF NOAH	THE DAYS OF THE COMING OF THE LORD
Some Bible scholars estimate the population of the earth in Noah's day was approximately six billion to nine billion people. (Genesis 6:1)	In October of 1999 the current population of the earth reached approximately six billion people. (According to one internet site it's increasing at three per second.) http://www.idolphin.org/popul.html
Hale Bopp Comet - Some astronomers have carefully calculated the comet's orbit to have last entered our solar system 4,210 years ago, right at the time of Noah and the flood!	
... According to traditional sources, a new star appeared in the sky 4,100 years ago. That was the year the world was destroyed by a flood in the time of Noah. This star, apparently a comet, traveled through all the constellations in a months time. It was an omen for the people in the world to reconsider their wicked lifestyles and practices. (Interestingly, NASA reports that Hale-Bopp last appeared about 4,200 years ago. [Astronomy Magazine Feb. 97].) http://ohr.edu/ask_db/ask_main.php/149/Q1/	

SCRIPTURE	CHAPTER(S)	EVENT(S)	FEAST
What you have seen... (Past)	1	Jesus Christ	Passover, Unleavened Bread and First Fruits
What is now (Present)	2 and 3	Church History ("Church" found 19 times)	Pentecost (Harvest)
What will take place later (Future)	4 and 5	The Rapture	Trumpets
What will take place later (Future)	6 through 19	The Tribulation (Church not mentioned)	Day of Atonement
What will take place later (Future)	20	The Millennium	Tabernacles
What will take place later (Future)	21 and 22	The New Heavens & Earth	Tabernacles

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 13 Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. 14 We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. 15 According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage each other with these words.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 1 Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, 2 for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. 4 But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. 5 You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. 6 So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. 9 For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. 10 He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. NIV